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SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON UK-FRENCH NUCLEAR COOPERATION

ON THE OCCASION OF A VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVE G. WILLIAM WHITEHURST ON AUGUST 22, DEFENSE MINISTRY PLANNING CHIEF WIECK MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ON ANGLO-FRENCH NUCLEAR COOPERATION. HE SAID THAT DESPITE RECURRING PRESS REPORTS ON THE SUBJECT, THE MATTER IS NOT REGARDED BY GERMAN OFFICIALS AS A CURRENT PROBLEM, GIVEN THE RELATIVE CERTAINTY, IN THE FRG'S OPINION, THAT ANY UK-FRENCH JOINT PROGRAM IS STILL FAR OFF IN THE FUTURE. THE FRG DOES NOT BELIEVE ANGLO-FRENCH NUCLEAR COOPERATION IN MILITARY MATTERS IS NECESSARILY ANTITHETICAL TO GERMAN INTERESTS, BUT NEVERTHELESS SEES NO ADVANTAGE OR REASON FOR PURSUIT OF SUCH A POLICY OR PROGRAM. THE SMALL SIZE OF THE UK AND FRENCH NUCLEAR ARSENALS DOES NOT ADD MUCH TO WESTERN SECURITY, BUT THE FRG

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WOULD BE MUCH CONCERNED IF UK-FRENCH NUCLEAR COLLABORATION WOULD

SHOW SIGNS OF TAKING PLACE OUTSIDE THE NATO FRAMEWORK. UK-FRENCH PROGRAMS SHOULD BE FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE NATO COMMAND FOR MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS. WIECK POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT, GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE FRG TENDS TO BE SOMEWHAT UNEASY WITH THE QUESTION BECAUSE IT SUGGESTS A CHANGE IN THE STATUS QUO IN NUCLEAR MATTERS. THE FRG ATTACHES THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE US NUCLEAR DETERRENT AND DOES NOT REALLY WELCOME ANY RE-OPENING OF DISCUSSION OR DEBATE ABOUT SUCH FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES AS NATO NUCLEAR DOCTRINE, WHICH, IN THE FRG VIEW, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UK-FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCE WOULD ENTAIL. THE FRG DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE ARE ANY PROSPECTS FOR INTEGRATION OF FRENCH NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO NATO AND UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, UK-FRENCH COOPERATION COULD HAVE A FRAGMENTING EFFECT ON THE NATO STRATEGIC DETERRENT.

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